

STALK IN WHERE NO ANGELS TREAD

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Without paying his initiation fee in the shape of a poll tax."

Among others, Mr. Starke paid his respects to incompetents who are seeking election to Administrative Board positions.

"We are not surprised," he said, "to see men offer for places on this board who are as unfit for the position as infants to move mountains. There are those who stalk in where angels fear to tread, and the pensioner we have always with us. The man who would vote for or against a man in a crisis like this one on purely personal grounds is the only one who ought to be excused because he has not strength of character to entitle him to a vote. Water does such a one get his right to trade the city's interest in paying his personal obligations?"

"This is not a matter nor the time for political epilepsy, factional fermentation, personal spite or individual favoritism," said Mr. Starke, "knocking at your door and mine and pleading with us to come out as one man and strike for her protection, her progress and her future."

"It is a time for the people to steady themselves and to see that we would choose men to handle a personal business select for this trust men of high enough, broad enough, independent enough, with experience enough, fearless enough to look beyond pandering to individual whims and what is called 'influence' to that grand old democratic doctrine—the greatest good for the greatest number."

"This is no kindergarten, no asylum for the unfortunate, no eleemosynary institution," said Mr. Starke, "of the Administrative Board, but a business out of which we hope to be able to provide some such things for those not able to care for themselves."

Addressing himself more literally to the subject, "Richmond's Work," Mr. Starke undertook to point out a few of the unsightly conditions that the city might well remedy.

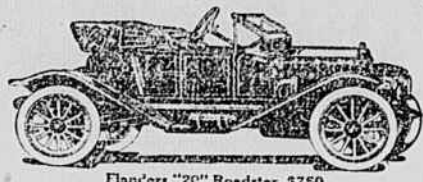
Gross Evils of Centralization.
All bankers who are honestly in favor of a sound American banking system, said Professor Laughlin, ought to welcome the congressional investigation of the "money trust." If the investigation resulted in showing that gross evils inhere in the present centralization of credit, then Congress would have to reform the banking laws so that this dangerous centralization would be abolished. He said:

"There is now a tendency to centralization of credit; therefore abolish it by decentralizing credit. There is a tendency of the funds to flow to Wall Street; therefore abolish it by a national reserve association and the creation of a discount market. There is a tendency of commercial capital to move into the hands of promoters; therefore abolish it by discriminating against investment securities for loans by commercial banks. There is a tendency for reserves thus wrongly floating to central reserve cities to be suddenly called for on the slightest alarm and causing panic; therefore abolish it by a co-operative organization like a National Reserve Association, which would mobilize reserves in the interest of all, big and little."

At the conclusion of Professor Laughlin's address, the Chamber of Commerce adopted unanimously resolutions approving the object of the National Citizens' League of Virginia, organized to aid in the national movement in the direction of a monetary reform, which will be American in spirit as well as application, free from dominant control by any special interests, and fair to all sections and classes.

The resolution contained a clause directing that a copy of the chamber's action be sent to each member of Congress from the State of Virginia, and that these representatives be requested to promote the introduction and aid in the passage of a bill in Congress which will meet the requirements set forth by the Citizens' League.

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GAP IN RIVER LEVEE IS SIXTY FEET WIDE

New Orleans, May 14.—The Mississippi River levee at Hymella, on the west side, about twenty-five miles north of New Orleans, broke about 8 o'clock to-night according to a telephone message from Inspector Bond. Within fifteen minutes the gap was sixty feet wide.

A crevasse at this place in 1903 was cribbed at a cost to the United States government of \$13,000, after approximately \$2,000,000 damage had been done to the rich farming country in the path of the flood waters. The Hymella break was the most important of the 1903 flood, and according to the records of the United States Weather Bureau, on March 21, 1903, which published estimates as to the damage which would result from the crevasse should the effort to close it prove a failure, placed the possible total damage at \$25,000,000.

A break in the East levee of the Mississippi near Nester, about fifty miles below this city, which did little damage, was the only other important news received here by the United States engineers to-day. Falling stages were recorded at all points on the Mississippi River south of Cairo except this city, where a stationary stage of 21.5 feet was indicated, and St. Louis, where the stage is stationary at 21.1 feet.

Engineer F. Klorer arrived at the Nester break soon after it occurred, and with a number of laborers succeeded in tying the ends to prevent widening. Captain C. O. Sherrill, chief of the United States engineers here, hurriedly ordered the United States ship Tiafau made ready, and with additional laborers and material went

to assist Engineer Klorer. The fight to hold the remaining levees must continue for several weeks, and the guards along the embankments are more watchful than ever.

Captain Sherrill abandoned his proposed inspection trip to Tortosa and along the Bayou des Glaises levees on accounts of a summons to meet the Mississippi River Commission at St. Louis to-morrow, and the break at Nester will further delay his departure. The Tortosa crevasse waters rose six inches during the past twenty-four hours in West Baton Rouge and Upper Iberville parishes, and are gradually encroaching upon lands around Plaquemine.

An Associated Press representative, who covered thirty miles of the flooded territory from New Roads south since yesterday afternoon, reported that all along the Texas and Pacific Railroad the water was rising. Fifteen hundred head of cattle have been brought into Plaquemine from the back country, and Federal relief workers under Lieutenant Rogers are in the flooded district north of that place setting out people whose homes are being flooded. Many of the people refuse to leave.

Those familiar with the situation in Iberville Parish estimate that 80 per cent. of the parish is inundated and that 10 per cent. more of the lands will be flooded as a result of the spreading of the Tortosa waters during the next week. The Progressive Union relief depot acknowledged the receipt of many contributions of money, clothing and foodstuffs to-day. The largest check received was \$1,353.20, from the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

CONSIDER PLANS TO END SESSION

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15, as planned by the House leaders, was entirely out of the question.

Arranged by Heyburn.

Washington, May 14.—Appealing for the support of the press, Senator Heyburn to-day continued a fight against the forestry system of the United States. The agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration.

"If in accordance with the rules, I would suggest the absence of a quorum in the press gallery," he said, glancing at the vacant seats above him. "I should like, through the newspaper men, to send out a message to the people, but if necessary I shall undertake to do it over their heads."

He declared that under the present conservation policy 200,000,000 acres of land had been withdrawn from production and 100,000 young men taken from the fields of industry and placed under the government pay rolls. He referred to what he characterized as a "wild suggestion" by Clifford Pinchot, the former head of the forestry bureau, that this force could be used as an army reserve.

"How could you make soldiers of these employees?" asked Senator Overman.

"I don't expect to," responded Mr. Heyburn. "It is Mr. Pinchot. I mention it merely as an oddity in literature and history."

Many Senators participated in the forestry debate.

Many Offices Dropped.

Washington, May 14.—The extent of the damage proposed to be inflicted upon the organization of the State Department by what the officials are satisfied was a thoughtlessly adopted amendment to the legislative appropriation bill is made apparent by a statement prepared at the department. It shows that the following positions will be eliminated, if the Senate fails to amend the action of the House:

Director of the consular service, \$1,500; counselor and resident diplomatic officer, each at \$7,500; eight officers to aid in important drafting work, four at \$4,500 each and four at \$5,000 each, these officers employed upon tariff, treaty and trade relations and negotiations, or as chief of division on far Eastern, Latin American, near Eastern or European affairs; assistant solicitor, \$3,000; law clerk, \$2,500; one clerk of class four, three clerks of class three, two clerks of class one, three clerks at \$1,000 each; three assistant messengers; in all \$69,160. In addition the office of chief of the bureau of trade relations at \$2,500 is abolished, as well as the unallotted balance of the \$109,000 appropriation, being the sum of \$25,540, which is used for various conferences and work "for the advancement of commercial and other interests and in the negotiation and preparation of treaties" arrangements and agreements.

In Need of Funds.

Washington, May 14.—Two government departments to-day asked Congress for immediate appropriations amounting to over \$250,000. One of the requests came from the War Department, Secretary Stimson declaring that \$25,000 is immediately needed for medical and hospital supplies in the Mississippi Valley flood district.

Declaring that enforcement of anti-trust laws has been so active that the available appropriation has been used up, the Department of Justice asked for \$10,000, to be expended for that purpose. Further activities in the Department of Justice are indicated in the request for \$30,000 for the fees of United States marshals and \$50,000 for witness fees in suits pending. The total of the Department of Justice's immediate wants, included in these and other items, is \$25,935.

Both of the requests have been referred to the appropriations committee of the House.

Favorable Report Ordered.

Washington, May 14.—The Senate Committee on Agriculture to-day ordered favorably reported the bill introduced by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, to prohibit trading in cotton futures except for legitimate purposes.

It would provide that each grade of cotton contracted for must be specified in the contract. Under its terms the sellers of contracts for future delivery would have the option to deliver one grade above or one grade below the grade contracted for, the difference in price to be the actual commercial difference obtained the day previous to the contract settlement.

The bill specifically exempts from its operation sales made in types of cotton, and restricts the act to interstate commerce. It would penalize interstate communication by mail, telegraph and express regarding transmission of information as to illegal future deliveries.

FEARED HE'D BE BURIED ALIVE.

Rich Man's Will Explains Why Autopsy Was Performed.

Media, Pa., May 14.—The mystery surrounding the autopsy performed upon the body of John Henry White, a wealthy resident of Darby Borough, who died of pneumonia several weeks ago, was explained yesterday when his will was offered for probate before Register of Wills Kracker.

One clause of the will explains that White was afraid of being buried alive, and he ordered his legatees, under threat of being eliminated from participation in the estate, to have an autopsy performed, have the heart removed and have the body thoroughly embalmed before being placed in the family vault or in the ground.

"Failure to carry out these provisions," the clause reads, "shall annul the remaining portion of this will, and it will be void the same as if it never had been written."

It was explained by relatives that Mr. White had an unreasonable fear of being buried alive. Some time he had read a story of a person having been buried alive, and he immediately changed his will to provide against such an exigency.

"SONG OF DEATH."

Titane Tragedy Theme of Symphony by Russian Composer.
Berlin, May 14.—A Titanic symphony, wherein "Nearer, My God, to Thee" will be the last motif, is being written by the Russian composer, Glazunoff. It will be called "A Song of Death" and will bring out all the changes in the ill-starred vessel's cruise, beginning with the joyful start from Southampton and ending with the plunge into the depths in the icefields south of Cape Race.

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Danville, 2; Portsmouth, 4.
Norfolk, 3; Roanoke, 5.
Lynchburg, 2; Newport News, 5.
(thirteen innings).

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club	W.	L.	P.C.	Last
Portsmouth	12	7	.632	1st
Petersburg	11	8	.579	2d
Richmond	12	9	.571	3d
Roanoke	11	9	.550	4th
Newport News	10	12	.455	5th
Norfolk	9	11	.450	6th
Danville	9	11	.450	7th
Lynchburg	6	13	.316	8th

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

Richmond at Petersburg.
Roanoke at Norfolk.
Portsmouth at Danville.
Newport News at Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Petersburg, Va., May 14.—Doc Ayres gave a great exhibition of ball pitching this evening, and in consequence the Colts galloped away with the Champs. Ayres had the hard hitting Champs completely at his mercy, and in no inning were they enabled to get more than one hit. He had perfect control, striking out several men, and he did not pass a single batsman. Vance, for the Champs, also pitched good ball, but his support was ragged. The Colts started the run getting in the first inning when, with one out, Griffin singled and came home on Flournoy's double. In the sixth, after one man was out, Griffin was walked and scored on Flournoy's triple to right field, Flournoy scoring on Simmons's error of Mattie's grounder. With one out in the fifth, Laughlin

STARS AND STRIPES AT HEAD.

Seattle Adapts Ordinance Governing Public Parades in City.

Seattle, Wash., May 14.—An ordinance prohibiting the carrying of any flags other than those recognized by the United States government was passed by the City Council last night. The ordinance provides that the Stars and Stripes, unfurled and measuring not less than fifty-four inches by sixty-six inches, must lead all parades. Banners and emblems of organizations may be carried when they bear letters signifying what organization they represent. The ordinance was the outcome of the flag disturbance during the May Day parade of the Socialists and Industrial Workers of the World, and is aimed at the red flag.

GIRL PRISONER UNDER GUARD AT JEFFERSON

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bers of the board of managers of the hospital, and had it cashed at a bank. This was regarded as a very strong point in her behalf, tending to clear her of any blame.

Miss Thomas had retired when efforts were made to see her last night. She has just recovered from a serious operation, and is still under the care of a physician. Her sister, Miss N. L. Thomas, who is acting superintendent of the hospital, recalled visits from several women in connection with the matter, but other than that was unable to throw any light on the complicated situation. The contract in question is being held by the police, and will be used as evidence when the case is called in Police Court this morning.

It was said that the firm represented by the prisoner has similar contracts with many hospitals throughout the country.

Safeguard the Manuscripts

The following amounts have been received by The Times-Dispatch to defray the cost of steel cases for the preservation of valuable manuscripts in Virginia State Library. Send checks care of auditor, The Times-Dispatch.

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